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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EMBASSY THOUGHTS ON FOLLOW-UP TO UN VOTE

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1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION, JAPANESE COUNSELLOR TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HIS EMBASSY IS ALREADY DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO WHAT CAN BE DONE TO FACILITATE A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE KHMER PROBLEM IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE UN VOTE, AS WELL AS TO WHAT TO DO NEXT YEAR AT THE UN. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE COMMENTED THAT GKR ALLIES DELAYED TOO LONG THIS YEAR IN FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE GRUNK RESOLUTION.

2. ON NEGOTIATIONS, THE EMBASSY IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF A WORKING GROUP SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH
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FUNCTIONED SO WELL AT THE UN, TO INCLUDE JAPAN, THE ASEAN

NATIONS, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO SEND "SPECIAL ENVOYS" FROM THIS GROUP TO NATIONS WITH INFLUENCE ON THE COMBATANTS. THUS FAR THESE THOUGHTS ARE "IN-HOUSE" ONLY BUT WERE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH HANABUSA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST SOUTHEAST ASIAN SECTION OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY. (NOTE- HANABUSA VISITED PHNOM PENH FOR TWO DAYS RECENTLY).

3. COUNSELLOR SAID THERE HAD BEEN A WIDE DIVERGENCE OF OPINION WITHIN THE MINISTRY ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A STRONG JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE KHMER QUESTION AT THE UN, BUT THAT ULTIMATELY THOSE FAVORING SUCH AN INVOLVEMENT, INCLUDING THE EMBASSY, HAD WON OUT.

4. COUNSELLOR ASKED ABOUT U.S. POLICY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE UN VOTE. EMBASSY OFFICER IN RESPONSE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY OF AN EARLY COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA.
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